

CATALINA MONTHLY NEWS

Making space for all God's children • Serving our neighbors •

Celebrating life in Christ together • Encouraging one another • Nurturing spirituality

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Please join us this Lenten Season as Pastors Mike and Kelli will be centering each service through Lent and Holy Week around the Lord's Prayer. Worship is in our sanctuary at 10am Sunday unless otherwise noted. Here are the dates and themes:

3/5—Ash Wednesday: Drive up W. Parking Lot, Noon—2pm; Service @ 6pm in the Chapel
3/9 - Preaching Text: Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.

Theme: Lord's Prayer/Lent

3/16 - Preaching Text: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Theme: Lord's Prayer/Lent

3/23 - Preaching Text: Give us this day our daily bread.

Theme: Lord's Prayer/Lent

3/30 - Preaching Text: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Theme: Lord's Prayer and healing service this day.

4/6 - Preaching text: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Theme: Lord's Prayer /Lent

4/13 - Palm Sunday: Preaching text: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Theme: Lord's Prayer and Palm Sunday

(Picnic following worship on the 1st Street Lawn)

4/17—Maundy Thursday: Service @ 6pm in the Chapel

4/18—Good Friday: Service is at 6pm @ First UMC, 915 E 4th St.

4/20 - Easter Sunday: 10am in the Sanctuary



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

[Click Here](#) to read Pastor Mike's article

MISSIONS FROM PASTOR KELLI

[Click Here](#) to read Pastor Kelli's article



MISSIONS UPDATE from Doug Wingert, Chair

[Click Here](#) to read Doug's update on the many outreach programs for our Missions volunteers!



CATALINA UM FOUNDATION UPDATE by Judy Wingert, Foundation Board President

[Click Here](#) to read Judy's update on the Catalina United Methodist Foundation update for March, 2025.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE from Toni Smith, Deaconess Candidate & Chair of Congregational Care Ministries

[Click Here](#) to read Toni's update on her visits to homebound members and the recent activities of the Congregational Care Team.





**MULTICULTURAL GROWTH
COMMITTEE** by Kent Batty

To read the March Observances [Click Here](#).

CUMC DAY SCHOOL REPORT
from Carolyn Lovell, Executive
Director

[Click Here](#) to read Carolyn's report to
Church Council for January and February.



**CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY
MINISTRY** by Paige Anderson



Children's Update:

Our VBS will be run July 14-18 and the theme is
Mission Deep Sea

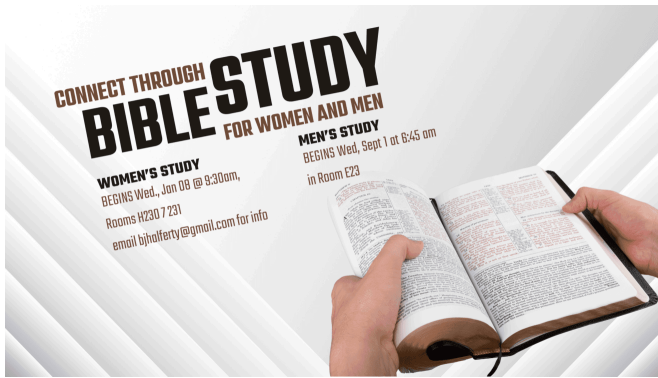
We will be working with worship team to do a
performance of one of the songs on July 20.
Children's sent suggested changes on Safe
Sanctuary to Trustees.

We will be running Palm Sunday Picnic again
this year, details will be soon.

**KOINONIA CLASS WELCOMES
ALL ADULTS**



The Koinonia Class began a new study on Sunday morning, Jan 26 at 9:00 am in Room E23: "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Lively learning and real relationships make this group ideal for adults of all ages. Books are available at a reduced cost. March Schedule: Chapters 8-13. [Click Here](#) for a complete schedule thru May. Contact Rev. Dr. Kirk Reed wkirkreed@gmail.com for more info.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Women's Bible Study: We began our new study on Wednesday, January 8th. It is entitled *Abide*, a study of John, 2, and 3, by Jen Wilkin. It will run for 10 weeks through March 12. We will meet in Room H230 from 9:30-11:30. We hope to see you there, and bring a friend. RSVP to Brenda Halferty at bjhalferty@gmail.com or 520-481-6993/

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:45am We meet weekly on Wednesday mornings in Room E23 at 6:45 am. For those whose schedules allow, we plan on going to breakfast at 8:00 am following Bible Study.



AZ 3-DAY ACADEMY FOR
SPIRITUAL FORMATION APRIL
22 - 25, 2025

"Singing the Ear's Song: Lament, Praise, Prayer" is the theme for the 2025 Academy. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:



Ash Wednesday: Mar 05, Noon - 2pm in west parking lot, 6pm in the Chapel

Come by for ashes during your lunch hour on Wednesday in our west parking lot near the sanctuary entrance. Then, join us for worship with Pastor Mike in the Chapel at 6pm.

The Big Queer Bible Study - A Lenten Journey

Join us this Lent for The Big Queer Bible Study! We'll gather on Tuesdays at 6:00pm, March 11 - April 15, at a coffee shop on Campbell Avenue to explore Scripture through a bold, affirming, and liberating lens. Using Kevin Miguel Garcia's book, we'll dive into the stories of our faith with fresh eyes, centering LGBTQ+ voices and experiences in a safe, celebratory space for all who seek a deeper understanding of the Bible. Whether you're wrestling with Scripture, searching for affirmation, or just curious about how the Bible speaks to queer lives, all are welcome—LGBTQ+ folx, allies, and anyone longing for a faith that embraces and uplifts. Come as you are, bring your questions, and let's journey together toward a faith that is expansive, inclusive, and deeply rooted in love! 📖 The Big Queer Bible Study book will be

provided in advance for those who need a copy, or it can be purchased on Amazon. To sign up, contact Pastor Kelli Knight, kelli@catalinamethodist.org

Tuesdays Together: Second Tuesday of each month @5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Our next gathering will be Tuesday, Mar 11, 2024, 5:30-6pm in Fellowship Hall. Fun for families with children 7 and under – dinner, songs, bible story, crafts and more!

Catalina Breakfast Forum: First Saturday of the month @ 9am in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Mar 01: Ray McKenzie Goodrow – watercolorist extraordinaire will be featured guest. Breakfast is \$4 per person at the door. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare! Email volunteer@catalinamethodist.org or call 520-327-4296 during office hours.



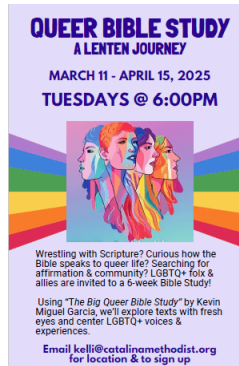
Catalina Breakfast Forum

Saturday 01
March
Fellowship Hall
9-10am

CUMC member Ray McKenzie Goodrow is a watercolorist extraordinaire. Join us for his instruction and display!




\$4/person at the door
Please RSVP to 520-327-4296.



QUEER BIBLE STUDY
A LENTEN JOURNEY

MARCH 11 - APRIL 15, 2025
TUESDAYS @ 6:00PM



Wrestling with Scripture? Curious how the Bible speaks to queer life? Searching for affirmation & community? LGBTQ+ folk & allies are invited to a 6-week Bible Study!

Using "The Big Queer Bible Study" by Kevin Miguel Garcia, we'll explore texts with fresh eyes and center LGBTQ+ voices & experiences.

Email kelli@catalinamethodist.org for location & to sign up



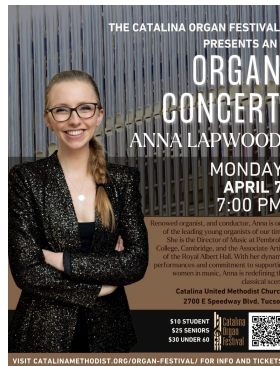
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TOGETHER TUESDAY

A TIME FOR FAMILIES TO SPEND TOGETHER
A PROVIDED DINNER, BIBLE STORY, SONGS
AND CRAFTS

THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
5:30-6:30
ENTER OFF FIRST ST

JANUARY 14
FEBRUARY 11
MARCH 11
APRIL 8
MAY 13



THE CATALINA ORGAN FESTIVAL
PRESENTS AN
ORGAN CONCERT
ANNA LAPWOOD

MONDAY
APRIL 7
7:00 PM

Renowned organist and composer, Anna Lapwood of the leading young organists of our time. She is the Director of Music at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and the Associate Artist of the Royal Albert Hall. With her dynamic performance and experience in supporting women in music, Anna is making the Catalina United Methodist Church 2700 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson.

\$10 STUDENT
\$25 SENIORS
\$30 UNDER 65

VISIT CATALINAMETHODIST.ORG/ORGAN-FESTIVAL/ FOR INFO AND TICKETS!

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:



...El Mesias UMC, Nogales; First UMC, Bisbee; and First UMC, Eloy

...all people suffering from fires, flood and freezing temperatures.

...An end to war, violence and suffering for all peoples in conflict.

Also of Note:

www.UMC.ORG/EN

Want to know more about the United Methodist Church? You'll find it on the website link shown above. Take a look. You'll be surprised!

CATALINA LOVES MUSIC

If you love music too, consider joining our Sanctuary Choir which rehearses Thursdays @ 7pm in the Choir Room, or if you can read music, join our bell ringers on Thursdays @ 5:30pm. Marian@catalinamethodist.org for more info.

Catalina Cares - E-news Weekly

Are you on the email list? If not, [click here](#) and fill out the form. We'll add you to the list and you can stay "In the Know!" every Thursday afternoon!

UPPER ROOM ON LINE

If you love the Upper Room daily devotionals in print, you're going to love them on-line! Just go to: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

Monthly Bible Verses

You can find them at the [Vanderbilt Lectionary Library](#). If you would like a copy in print, please contact the office.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday-Thursday, 10am to 3pm.

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